Secretary in the Indian Council of Social Science Research has been lying vacant for over a year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the processing of various research projects is suffering owing to the absence of the incumbent; and

(d) by when the post is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The post of Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, fell vacant on August, 16, 1989. According to the rules the Member-Secretary has to be appointed by the Council with the approval of the Government. The Council has sent its proposal to Government in October, 1989. The matter is under consideration of Government.

According to the information furnished by the Council, the Council processes the research projects through its Programme Committees and work of the Council has generally not suffered due to the absence of the regular incumbent to the post of Member-Secretary. The work of the Member-Secretary is being looked after by an Acting Member-Secretary.

Grant by the Indian Council of Social Science Research to peace Research Institute

3018 MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What are the details of grants given by the Indian Council of Social Science Research to the Peace Research Institute during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of the conferences organised by the Institute during the same period, stating the details of participants;

(c) whether the participants included persons from foreign countries also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the Council has not given any financial support to the Institute for holding any seminars/conferences/workshops. However, one research project submitted by the Institute was sanctioned with a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 10 lakhs by the Research Committee in April, 1988.

(b) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Council since the Council has no connection with the Institute of Peace Research and Action, the Council do not have information about the conferences organised by the Institute.

Post Doctoral Fellowships by University Grants Commission

3019. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of post doctoral fellowships offered by University Grants Commission every year;

(b) whether retired university/college teachers holding doctoral degrees can apply for them; and

(c) whether they can also apply the fellowship for separate/individual project work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission does not have any Scheme known as 'Post Doctoral Fellowship'. However, there are Schemes like Research Associateship (full-

time) and Research Associateship for Women (part-time) leading to post-doctoral research.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Retired teachers, not above the age of 65, apply for financial assistance for individual research projects. UGS does not provide fellowships but a fixed honorarium to such individuals.

Pay fixation of teachers and librarians of Delhi Administration

3020. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay of the Central Government employees, on transfer of their services in Delhi Administration Schools as teachers and librarians, and the pay of some teachers and librarians working in Senior Secondary Schools of Delhi Administration has not been fixed since the 1st January, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMBANBHAI MEHTA): (a) There is no complaint in this regard on the records of the Delhi Administration

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Centres for Diploma programmes in Computer applications in Hindi

3021. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Electronics has supported a number of Centres for Diploma Programme in Computer Applications in Hindi medium since 1964 but some other centres offer it only in English;

(b) whether it is a fact that instructional material for above subjects is not so far ready in Hindi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation; and

(e) what are the job prospects of pass-out of DCA in Hindi medium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (d) Department of Electronics has so far supported 9 Centres for Diploma programme in Computer Applications (DCA) in Hindi medium. However, 2 Centres are reported to be offering courses in English due to non-availability of adequately trained faculty. There is a general problem of shortage of books in Hindi medium. However, in these Centres, English and Hindi are mixed while teaching the subjects. Depending upon the response of the students and their preparedness, the switch-over to teaching in Hindi becomes faster.

In order to overcome the above difficulties Government has taken the following steps:—

(i) One centre has been given additional responsibility for conducting DCA Teachers Training programme in Hindi. One more centre is being developed for the same purpose.

(ii) Financial assistance is being provided for writing articles and books on electronics in Hindi as well as for translation of books on electronics into Hindi. A National award has also been instituted for writing original technical books in Hindi.